



## Roanoke Refugee Mental Health Council

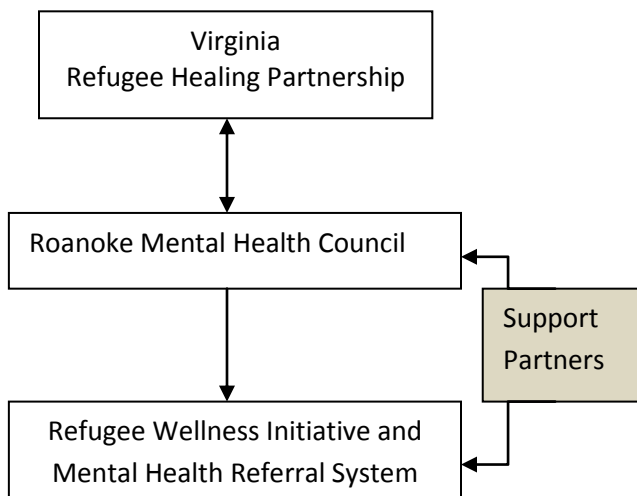
*Serving the refugee population in Roanoke Valley*

### **Background**

The Roanoke Refugee Mental Health Council (RRMHC) oversees the Refugee Wellness Initiative in Roanoke Area. It is part of the Refugee Healing Partnership, a collaborative effort of the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, the Virginia Department of Health, multiple community agencies, and refugee communities across the Commonwealth.

Local mental health councils were created to identify and implement strategies that build capacity for behavioral health services for refugees; provide input for policy and programming at the state and local levels; and work towards eliminating disparities for refugees in the system.

The RRMHC has two primary focus areas: 1). To support a seamless process for mental health screenings and referrals between area health departments and area behavioral health providers, and 2). To support the development and implementation of culturally adapted mental health interventions that address gaps in the service continuum for refugees.



### **Council Members**

Bhutanese Organization of Roanoke  
 Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare  
 Family Service of Roanoke Valley  
 Commonwealth Catholic Charities  
 Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services  
 LewisGale Regional Hospital – Respond  
 Mental Health America of Roanoke Valley  
 New Horizons Healthcare  
 Roanoke City Health Department

### **Mental Health Referral Agencies**

Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare  
 Carilion Psychiatry  
 Family Service of Roanoke Valley  
 LewisGale Regional Hospital - Respond  
 Mental Health America of Roanoke Valley  
 Roanoke Health Department

**Our Vision:** Every refugee's basic needs i.e. food, shelter, clothing, physical and mental health, are met now here in Roanoke.

**Our Mission:** Provide advocacy for and guidance to the refugee community and service providers in order to access/obtain culturally appropriate mental health services.

**Our Values:** We value the dignity of all individuals involved in the process, both receiving and providing services, by meeting people where they are, and offering support to help them reach their goals and full potential. We promote respect, dignity, acceptance, and hope.